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USSR

During his meeting Thursday with the Congressional delegation headed by Speaker Albert, General Secretary Brezhnev spoke in familiar terms of his desire for friendly US-Soviet relations, mutually advantageous trade, peace, and disarmament.

Ambassador Stoessel reports that Brezhnev implied he hopes to be able to sign a ten-year SALT II agreement during his visit to Washington later this year, but that he stopped short of predicting success. The General Secretary said that cruise missiles, the deployment of missiles on warships, and the "geographic positions" of the two countries are key issues.

Brezhnev took his usual tack on Jewish emigration, asserting that all Jews who want to leave the USSR can do so except those who have worked on Soviet security matters. He claimed that the number of Jews desiring to leave has declined.

Brezhnev did not dwell on trade matters, but welcomed the Congressmen's statements on mutually advantageous trade. He did not respond directly to a suggestion by one of the Congressmen that Moscow's purchases of US grain be placed on a more planned basis.

The Soviet party leader praised the CSCE accord, saying it is the "best way" to strengthen East-West friendship and Soviet-US relations in particular. He implied it would chart a course of conduct in Europe for at least the next decade. Brezhnev hedged, however, by noting that while some provisions of the accord are binding, others, concerning the exchange of information, require "agreement between the various parties."

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Responding to questions, Brezhnev said the Soviets favor a policy of "strict non-interference" in Portugal. He sidestepped any significant comment on the Middle East, merely reiterating Soviet willingness to guarantee the existence of Israel.

Ambassador Stoessel thinks Brezhnev looked somewhat better Thursday than he had in Helsinki, although he still showed signs of a weight loss and on several occasions seemed to be unsure of himself. Despite an overall impression of fatigue, Brezhnev's color was better, and he seemed alert. He revealed that he had received dental treatment daily while in Helsinki.

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BANGLADESH

Yesterday's military-backed coup has met no significant resistance.

The ten-member cabinet announced by President Ahmed is composed largely of noncontroversial members of former president Mujib's government and his Awami League party. The role of the armed forces in the new regime is obscure, although the government has received the support of leaders of the armed services, police, and paramilitary forces. This includes leaders of the 16,000-member National Defense Force, who are veterans of the 1971 war of independence and were especially close to Mujib.

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Pakistan yesterday became the first country to recognize the new regime, and the change in Dacca should pave the way for better relations between the two countries. There has been no significant reaction thus far from New Delhi. The Indian government, which had close relations with Mujib, will scrutinize the new regime closely, but is unlikely to interfere unless resistance to the new government develops and the nation is faced with civil war. Ahmed is aware of Indian sensitivities, particularly over the fate of the Hindu minority in Bangladesh, and will presumably make every effort to dispel New Delhi's fears.

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NOTES

Small groups of Turkish *radical leftists plan to organize anti-US and anti-NATO demonstrations this weekend in Izmir, Ankara, and Istanbul in order to create the impression that there is widespread anti-US sentiment in Turkey.*

Leftist political parties and unions now have more room to maneuver since martial law--imposed last year during the Cyprus war--has been terminated. One of the best organized revolutionary groups had 26 members arrested after they occupied the US Exchange Retail Store at Izmir on August 7. The group claimed they were "liberating a Turkish-owned building occupied by the imperialists." Demonstrations this weekend are intended in part to show support for the detainees. Turkish authorities already have deployed combat units to Ankara in anticipation of anti-American protests.

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The Portuguese *Communists are holding to an assertive pose despite their growing problems.*

They plan a rally tonight in Alcobaca in the north where the Communists have been nearly driven underground. Party members would not venture into that area unarmed, and the rally may produce violence. In another bid to show the Communist flag, the Communist-controlled labor federation is calling for a brief general strike on Tuesday.

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Yesterday's communiqué from Portuguese Timor *announcing the formation of a united front between the two pro-independence parties against the pro-Indonesia party is certain to increase Jakarta's anxiety about the course of events there.*

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Some of the foreign prisoners captured during last spring's fighting in the South are being moved to North Vietnam.

According to a recent intercept, a transportation unit in the Ban Me Thuot area was instructed to send "all 13 prisoners of war to Hanoi." 25X1

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The message did not indicate why the prisoners were being brought north, only that they would be turned over to the directorate of military justice which was the principal North Vietnamese agency in charge of sentencing and handling American military prisoners during the war. 25X1

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France *will oppose any move to give* NATO *a major role in overseeing implementation of the agreement signed at the European security conference summit.*

A high official of the French foreign ministry told US embassy officers that France believes the multilateral phase of CSCE is over. He does not see an active role for either NATO or the EC in security conference follow-up activities, although he acknowledged that NATO might be useful as a forum for exchanging information on progress made in bilateral exchanges. The French position is that each country should be free to concentrate on those CSCE issues most relevant to its own interests.

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